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## Mideast prepares for Cairo meeting

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JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

U.S. President Jimmy Carter in an interview published in the French magazine "L'Express" that he is President Hafes Assad in efforts for a Middle East peace conference between President Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin.

Begin and Sadat publicly stated they were ready to accept a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, including Jordan, Syria, and the Golan Heights.

It was constructive. It did step further to a comprehensive settlement after years in Geneva and I think helped to break a somewhat stalemate.

Washington correspondent



Anwar Sadat wipes his brow during his speech in the Egyptian parliament yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

### Syrians unlikely to show up in Cairo

By ANAN SAFADI  
Post Mideast Affairs Editor

In a political bombshell topping his Jerusalem visit of last week, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday announced that he is inviting an Israeli representative to Cairo next week to take part in a preparatory Middle East peace conference.

Sadat said that he was inviting all parties to the conflict to hammer out a settlement so that a reconvened Geneva Middle East peace conference lasts for months rather than years.

In an address to Egypt's National Assembly, which opened with a thunderous applause, Sadat said that he was sending word to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim as well as the two superpowers which co-chair Geneva, advising them that Cairo would be ready to receive all parties to the Mideast conflict as of next Saturday.

Sadat did not spell out his attitude towards the Palestine Liberation Organization, to whose presence at any peace forum Israel objects. The Egyptians have earlier said that they planned to invite personalities from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip for consultation, although no invitations had been received by last night.

Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali, however, later told reporters that — despite its hostility to Sadat's Israel visit — the PLO will be getting an invitation. The PLO central council in Damascus says it would convene on Wednesday to "evaluate the situation."

Sadat's desire to summon a preparatory peace conference in the presence of Israel was seen motivated by his determination to promote direct negotiations with Israel to engage the parties in substantive issues at an early date, and to undercut the role of the two superpowers.

Sadat said that although the Soviet Union was now championing a campaign against his current moves, "We shall invite it so the Soviets will not say that we are keeping them out." But he added: "I must warn the Soviet Union that it will make a great mistake if it tries to meddle in regional affairs."

"We will accept any formula that brings us peace based on justice, and in that case neither the Soviet Union nor anyone else can interfere to stop us," he said.

Judging by the situation prevailing last night, Sadat's projected peace conference is seen unlikely to bring together parties other than Egypt, Israel, probably West Bankers, and UN and U.S. observers. Syria has

### Israel accepts offer; assumes no PLO seat

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel has grounds for expecting that the Palestine Liberation Organization will not be invited to — or at any rate will not attend — the "Cairo Conference," a high-level source indicated to The Jerusalem Post last night. For this reason the government was able last night to issue an unequivocally positive response to Egyptian President Sadat's call for the conference, announcing that as soon as the formal invitation arrived the cabinet would appoint its representatives.

The announcement came after consultations at Premier Menachem Begin's home last night involving the Premier and several key ministers. The Premier will report to the full cabinet at its regular meeting today.

It was not clear from Sadat's speech, nor from subsequent statements in Cairo, whether Egypt intended to invite the PLO to the conference. Israeli officials said immediately that Israel's objection to the PLO's presence at Geneva was equally valid for the proposed Cairo conference.

But after the consultation at Begin's home a high source clearly indicated that Israel was assuming — and had good grounds to assume — that the PLO problem would not be a bar to the Cairo meeting.

This seemed to mean that Israel is expecting Egypt to invite West Bank leaders — several names have already been mentioned in reports from Cairo — and not the PLO leadership, which is mainly based in Beirut and Damascus. Failing that, Israel expects that if the PLO is invited it will decline to attend. One PLO official in Damascus indicated late last night that the PLO would not take part.

During last week the Egyptian authorities deported several leading PLO officials stationed in Cairo because of their vociferous criticism of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

There has been no official word yet from Cairo regarding the format Sadat envisages for the conference. Informal sources here expect it to be on foreign minister level, in which case Moshe Dayan would head an Israeli delegation, largely comprising officials of his ministry under Director-General Ephraim Eylon.

But one likely participant — and the man tipped to head the delegation if the conference is on civil servant level — is Eliahu Ben-Eliazar, the Director-General of the Premier's Office and a close confidant of Premier Begin. Both Ben-Eliazar and Eylon formed ties with key Sadat aides before and during the President's visit here last week.

Other names being mentioned in Jerusalem last night as possible members of the Israeli negotiating team included Mordechai Gazit, Ambassador to France and a former director-general of the Premier's Office, who is considered a tough negotiator and expert draughtsman, and Moshe Sasson, head of the Foreign Ministry's research department, who is an Arabist and an experienced diplomat.

A top aide to the Prime Minister would not say last night whether Begin had known in advance that Sadat would propose a conference in Cairo. Other highly placed sources indicated that he had not.

While Sadat named next Saturday as the kick-off date for the conference, officials here asserted last night that Egypt knew full well — from the experience of arranging Sadat's visit here — that Israel did not transact official business on the Sabbath. Hence the conference (if it does get off the ground) is likely to begin in practice early next week.

The official government statement issued last night noted that Sadat's demands for total Israeli withdrawal and for a Palestinian state clashed with Israel's position on these issues — a position supported by more than 100 Members of the Knesset.

Israel's position, the statement added, would continue to be the basis of its negotiating stance with all of its neighbors. However, "as agreed between Egypt and Israel, the negotiations will be held without preconditions," the statement ended.

The U.S. Ambassador, Samuel Lewis, last night handed Premier Begin a message from President Carter. Israel Radio reported. There was no disclosure as to the contents of the message.

## Drillers strike oil off southwest Sinai

Jerusalem Post Staff and Item

TEL AVIV. — Oil — possibly in commercial quantities — has been discovered by offshore drillers near a-Tur in southwest Sinai, Energy Minister Yitzhak Modaí announced here on Friday.

According to Modaí and energy officials, the oil strike is producing 2,000 barrels a day; and if test drilling in the area shows that the field is large enough, the a-Tur site may prove to be of commercial value.

The well, called Alma II, is opposite a rich Egyptian field on the west side of the Gulf of Suez.

The oil began flowing in a-Tur at 4 a.m. on Friday, Modaí said in his announcement, made at an Engineers Club luncheon here 10 hours later. The minister almost missed the luncheon because he had flown to the site at 6.30 a.m. to return with a bottle of the black substance.

First tests indicated that the oil is of good quality, with a low sulphur content of about 1.7 per cent. It is lightweight, graded 30 API, and is suitable for processing by Israel refineries, Modaí said.

Modaí, interviewed later on Israel TV, said there would be further intense drilling in the area. Asked about the political implications, since the drilling is in an area that may be returned to Israel in a peace settlement, Modaí said he hoped a future settlement would enable Israel to participate in the ownership of the oil produced there.

The Neptune Oil Company, a Canadian concern, holds a 25 per cent interest in the drilling at a-Tur. The balance is controlled by the Israel National Oil Corporation (INOC), with the Israel-owned Jordan Exploration Company holding a four per cent interest.

A reliable source in the oil exploration field told The Jerusalem Post last night that the key to the commercial prospects of the strike depends on the length and depth of the strata at Alma II. At least another two or three wells must be drilled to determine if the field should be further developed.

The source added that it may be possible to work out a method of transporting the oil to land by special container. Thus immediate advantage may be gained from the concept of offshore oil-exploring companies do not employ such methods which are costly. But Israel may decide it is

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## Almost a war the other day?

In the course of his address to the National Assembly yesterday, President Sadat gave an account of a rather startling conversation he had with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem last Monday.

"Weizman asked me: 'Why did you want to attack us in the last 10 days?'"

"I told him: 'Never, this was not the case. You started manoeuvres, and in a counter action (Egyptian War Minister) Gen. Mohammed Gansay ordered manoeuvres on the Egyptian side.'"

"Weizman then said: 'I have intelligence reports here before me which say you were about to launch a surprise attack on us.' Weizman was very nervous when he spoke."

"I told him: 'Never, this was not the case. But I want you to know that whatever you do, we shall do — it so happened before when you sent an electronic pilotless plane which violated our airspace before flying back. On the same day, Gansay sent a piloted plane flying over Israeli positions.'"

Sadat concluded by saying: "This demonstrated the psychological barrier that I have spoken about."

## Egypt's President: 'We must not waste time'

Post Mideast Affairs Editor

President Sadat told the Egyptian National Assembly yesterday that he had instructed acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali to "contact the UN, the two superpowers, and the parties to the conflict, including Israel, to tell them that Cairo welcomes them as of next Saturday to prepare for the Geneva conference."

Sadat made it clear that he had decided on the move in the light of his visit to Israel last week.

The Egyptian leader told the Assembly that his trip to Israel has produced two tangible results:

"We agreed that all of us will concentrate at the conference on seriously examining questions of substance and will not waste time in procedural wrangling," he said.

"We also agreed that our starting point for the discussion of security at the conference will be far removed from the concept of annexation of territory and confined to the framework of ensuring security for all (parties) in just conditions," he added.

Other highlights of Sadat's speech:

- The Egyptian leader said that he had agreed with Israeli leaders that "there will be no more wars after the 1973 October war."
- He said that Egypt and Israel have also agreed to settle all conflicts henceforth "around the (negotiating) table like civilized people," and that both would consult with their parliaments over issues separating them.
- The Egyptian President accused the Soviet Union of leading a propaganda campaign against his visit to Israel, adding that Syria was toying the Soviet line and urging Palestinians to follow suit.
- Sadat vowed to press forward with his quest for a peaceful settlement with Israel in spite of his critics, whom he charged with waging their struggles from "radios, coffee shops and cabarets."
- He nevertheless reiterated that he would neither conclude a separate settlement with Israel nor budge from his claims for an Israeli withdrawal from the territories and recognition of what he called the political rights of the Palestinian Arabs.
- He said that the major achievement of his visit had been the reduction of psychological barriers and

### t planes can cruise missile, super says

(AP). — The Soviet Union opened a system to shoot cruise missiles, which were considered in the "Daily Telegraph" on Friday.

A sophisticated and highly cruise missiles are small, robot aircraft capable of either nuclear or non-nuclear warheads. The missile is expected to form a major part of the arsenal in about three years. It is called invulnerable its ability to escape detection under radar cover.

legraph, "quoting 'latest reports,' said the we have developed two or three types of a new 'super code-named Foxbat by which the cruise missiles. A correspondent Claret said that the new 'are equipped with a radar system with the to 'look down and shoot the subsonic robot.' She her details of the system, 'resident Jimmy Carter summer for deployment of missiles after he killed the r project.

## Mexico's Portillo lauds Israel

By JUDITH CARROLL  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MEXICO CITY. — President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico spoke emotionally of peace, the people of Israel and the Jewish link to Jerusalem here on Friday and drew a resounding ovation from some 800 government officials, businessmen, industrialists and leaders of the Jewish community.

The occasion was a luncheon given for Portillo from the visiting President of Israel and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir.

Portillo abandoned a prepared text of his speech to say that as a professor of political science he had always told his students that the force of principle is what gives identity to a people.

"I said to recall the (taking of Jerusalem by the Romans," Portillo noted. "It happened when the Jews refused to fight on Saturday, out of respect for principle. Jerusalem fell, it's true. But more than 2,000 years later, the same Jews who respected the Sabbath are once again in Jerusalem."

Earlier on Friday the President visited the Tarbut school, a bilingual Hebrew-Spanish institution run by the Jewish community here. He told the students that President Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel "broke the ice" between Israel and the Arab states, and called Sadat a "good man" who genuinely wants peace.

Katzir said that, though Sadat made proposals to which Israel cannot agree, the Egyptian leader's visit had improved prospects for peace.

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## Dayan leaves for Bonn today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan leaves this morning for a four-day official visit to West Germany (see report from Bonn page 2).

In consultations between the two capitals on Friday, it was decided that the visit would go ahead as planned, despite German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's illness. (Genscher was hospitalized with pneumonia on Thursday night.)

Dayan will be travelling with his wife Rachel, his spokesman and political aide Naftali Lavie, and Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Moshe Alon.

On Friday the German envoy to Israel, Klaus Schaefer, flew to Bonn to prepare for Dayan's visit. He told newsmen at Ben-Gurion Airport that the fact the visit was going ahead despite Genscher's illness attested to its importance and to Germany's intense interest in hearing about current Mideast developments from a key participant.

## West Bank mayors call for anti-Egypt action

Pro-PLO mayors from several West Bank towns yesterday called on the Arab states to form a united front against Egypt's peace initiatives, Israel Radio reported last night.

The call came at a press conference held near Ramallah for foreign correspondents. The mayors of Hebron and Tulkarm reportedly did not participate.

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## SADAT IN JERUSALEM

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## Israeli killed, 3 hurt in U.S. plane crash

CARLSBAD, New Mexico (UPI). — A single-engine plane carrying four Israeli nationals — three of them working on a classified project for a Dallas-based electronics firm — crashed here on Friday, killing one and injuring the others.

The group had just taken off here for a short holiday flight to El Paso, Texas, when the crash occurred, company spokesman E.L. Thomas said on Friday. Police said the small Piper Cherokee plane had started a left turn when it struck the ground and burst into flames.

Thomas said the men had been working on one of E-Systems' classified projects. He described Keren and Rosenholz as customer representatives who serve as liaison

## Lackadaisical debate at UN assembly

By MALKA KARINOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The UN limped after fast-breaking developments in the Middle East over the weekend, voting against Israel by force of inertia and casting about for an appropriate response to Sadat's direct invitation for a share in the Cairo talks.

In a meeting that ran late into Friday evening, the General Assembly voted by an overwhelming 102 to four to approve a Syrian-inspired resolution and condemn Israel's presence in the territories. (See story, Page 3)

The vote came after a debate that few had wanted at this stage but which elicited the standard anti-Israel majority once it was forced through at Syrian insistence.

A change in atmospherics is discernible in the corridors of the UN on Middle East questions, but it was not powerful enough to have an impact on Friday night's voting.

Any of it in official government attitudes will have a chance to show itself this week when a spate of anti-Israel resolutions starts rolling in from committee. The first of them, dealing with the "Palestine question," tops the General Assembly agenda tomorrow.

UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim talked with Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog yesterday as part of his consultations with the "parties concerned" on Sadat's invitation to a Cairo conference. The PLO was on the secretary's list of parties to be consulted.

Before the vote on Friday, Herzog protested that such resolutions would "poison the atmosphere." He said Israel wished to open direct talks with each of its neighbors.

The Israeli echoed the words of Egyptian envoy Meguid who said in the Assembly last week that after four Middle East wars, there should be a "fifth battle for peace."

In reiterating this phrase, Herzog looked directly across the chamber to Meguid. Later the Egyptian delegate said he regarded Herzog's gesture as a "good omen."

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## again condemns Israel; ia mum on Golan forces

DIPLOMACY sources said Syria had so far withheld consent to the continuation of the UN buffer force in the Golan Heights.

The mandate of the 1,349-man force expires at midnight tomorrow. Syria's position is being discussed by the Security Council, with the approval of both directly-involved countries.

Israel is reported to have already agreed to the continued stationing of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) between its own and Syria's lines.

Yet another debate dealing with the Middle East will open in the General Assembly tomorrow. On the agenda is a four-day discussion of the Palestinian Arab question, focused on a report by a special committee which Israel has denounced as "one-sided and biased."

Aside from condemning Israel, the Syrian-inspired resolution adopted on Friday reaffirmed UN decisions of the previous years, and included an appeal for early reconvening of the Geneva peace conference with participation of the PLO.

It favours a "comprehensive peace settlement" on all aspects of the Middle East question and with participation of all directly involved parties, and asks the Security Council to promote such a solution.

## butz Hameuhad puts off ision on merger with Ihud

YACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The council of the Kibbutz movement, which convenes over the weekend to discuss merger with the Ihud, has decided to refer the decision to a special committee.

between Mapai and Ahdut Avoda, was "the only alternative to the right" it had "little to be proud of, both from the point of view of values and of electoral success."

Yigal Alon, on the other hand, made an impassioned speech in favour of a merger with the Mapai-affiliated Ihud movement.

Guest speaker Nathan Peled, secretary of the Mapai-affiliated Kibbutz Arzi movement, warned against the merger, hinting that it would upset the balance in the Kibbutz Movement Union (which comprises the three main kibbutz federations).

The secretary of Hameuhad, Ya'acov Tur, told the meeting that negotiations already held showed that while the Ihud favours exploring the possibility of a merger, even if only with Meuhad, the Kibbutz Arzi feels that the time is not yet ripe. The Mapai Federation urges, however, the strengthening of cooperation between all three movements.

## tish MP catalogues se of Jewish students

RYAN CONNERY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The British public was presented with a terrifying catalogue of abuse to which students have been subjected months at their universities.

of the "dangerous" tolerance of the "Jewish" by the House of Commons by Sir Eric Moonman, and was attacked by representatives of the Liberal.

lengthy and well-attended speech, Moonman, also chairman of the Zionist League, warned that "the dissection of abuse was not confined to one college." He related one example of Jewish students being intimidated, abused, and attacked (as had happened only this week at Leeds University) and prevented from forming Jewish societies.

The campaign, he said, was begun by Arabs and extreme left and right-wing students after the anti-Zionist resolution passed by the UN two years ago. "A deal was struck and a large sum of money was acquired to build up a major propaganda campaign," Moonman charged.

As a result, Jewish students who would not otherwise be politically active were obliged to spend "an inordinate amount of time away from their studies in order to defend their democratic rights."

What was more, he said, Jewish pupils in their last year at school were being deterred from making applications to join certain colleges which were known to be conducting anti-Jewish campaigns.

## Aviv stock decline seen a temporary phenomenon

MEPH MORGENSTERN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TV. — Last week's market, unencumbered by a number of factors real and some imagined, led to a decline in the value of Aviv stock.

At least of these factors was the ecological letdown on the eve of the public following Egyptian President Sadat's departure after his visit.

urs relating to the prospects of a new tax and a possible change in the direction of the market, however, were roundly rebuffed by the Finance Minister.

ther, 150 shares declined by 50 registered gains. The share index as calculated by the Bureau of Statistics was 13 per cent at 261.

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new week begins there are a number of indicators which point to a continuation of the upward movement of equity prices.

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## exchange rules for journalists

TV (Him). — Professional governing "accredited" who cover the stock exchange discussed at a meeting of the Council here on Friday.

Ottensmeyer, chairman of the Aviv Stock Exchange, said to the council that newswomen permitted to exchange during hours should not engage in any activity concerning the stock exchange except writing; that they

## Eilat club owner shot dead in street

EILAT (Him). — Bustenai "Busi" Saba, local nightclub owner whose name had been mentioned in connection with criminal activities in central Israel, died yesterday in hospital here — from shots allegedly fired by a close friend in the presence of a policeman.

The alleged assailant, also 45, was arrested and was being questioned over the weekend.

Strong forces of police and Border Police patrolled the streets of Eilat on Friday night for fear of violent reprisals following the 45-year-old "Busi's" death. The town's normally lively streets were empty.

"Busi," who was nicknamed the "King of Sha'arayim" (a Rehovot neighbourhood) in his youth, had not been "in trouble" since he came to Eilat in 1967. Police said he died on the operating table after being hit with five 8 millimetre bullets — four in the right leg and one in the chest.

They said a police patrol saw the alleged assailant pump a full magazine of bullets at "Busi" at the corner of Eilat's Sderot Eliot and Sderot Hatmarim, outside the all-night Drug Store bar. The police patrol had been alerted after receiving a report that two bullets had been fired near the Drug Store corner during the night.

Friends of Busi's told him that while sitting at the Drug Store bar in the early hours of Friday morning an Englishman who works at Busi's Blue Fish nightclub had walked into the bar with a bloody face and complained that a certain Mahiout Alfar had beaten him up.

Busi left the bar for a short while and two shots were heard before he returned, him informant said. Police, who also heard of the shots, said they were told these were fired from a passing white car.

(When police brought Busi to hospital they found that Alfar had been brought to the hospital a few hours earlier with a bullet wound in his back.)

According to the informant, when the nightclub owner returned to the Drug Store, his friend, the suspected murderer, started a loud quarrel with Busi. Friends managed to separate the two but the suspect left the bar — as did Busi and his friends a short while later — only to return with the Beretta pistol with which he allegedly shot Busi on the street corner, while the latter was talking to friends.

The alleged assailant was overcome by Busi's brother and a member of the police patrol which was at the scene.

Police said that eyewitnesses refused to give statements about the quarrel and shooting — apparently for fear of reprisals.

An hour after Busi died a girlfriend of his who was brought to the Drug Store Hospital after she had slashed her wrists.

Friends of the family and the dead man called a press conference yesterday in which they said they were deeply hurt by publications about Busi's alleged "criminal" connections. They said he was a major influence in Eilat and managed to restrain the criminal elements in the town more than the police could. On one occasion, they said, when a mafia gang wanted to start a protection racket in Eilat, Busi had persuaded them to leave town by "the power of his personality."

"Busi" was well known in artistic circles, according to Tel Aviv architect Eldar Sharon, and such artists as Yigael Tumarkin and Lipshitz were among his best friends.

## Girl, 4, shot in head by stray bullet

NAHARIYA (Him). — A four-year-old girl was critically wounded on Friday when she was struck in the head by a stray bullet fired in a street quarrel between two young men. The child, Nurit Turjeman, of Shlomi, where the incident took place, was reported still in critical condition last night at Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

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## Wall Street week Best month so far in '77

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After an 8.56 rise to 844.49 in the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials showed a gain of 26.07 points since the end of October.

The widely-recognized average posted plus readings in only two of the first 10 months of the year — June, when it rose 7.6, and April, when it squeezed out a 7.7-point gain.

From July through October the Dow strung together monthly losses of 26.23, 28.56, 14.38 and 28.76 in the midst of stubborn concern over rising interest rates, talk of a possible recession and criticism on Wall Street of some of President Jimmy Carter's economic proposals and policies.

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## Dollar weakens on world market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.S. dollar on Friday came under strong pressure with the result that the West German mark and the Swiss franc established new highs in relation to the American currency.

In New York, at the close of trading, the mark was quoted at DM 2.2175 and the franc at SFR 2.1675 to the dollar.

A major part of the weakness in the American currency may be traced to the anticipation that this week's trade figures for October will continue to be disappointing.

In sharp contrast, Japan has revised its estimate of its trade surplus for the year ending in March 1978 from \$5.5b. to \$10b. Earlier last week the Japanese yen had weakened as a result of government action to curb speculation and impose restrictions. However, as the week closed the yen had established a price of 238 to the dollar.

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President Ephraim Katzir, now in Mexico, listens to an explanation by archaeologist Eduardo Matos Moctezuma (with beard) at the pyramids of Teotihuacan. (UPI telephoto)

## 'Carter's heart in right place,' says his Jewish assistant

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Israel has many friends in the White House," asserts Mark Siegel, an assistant to the U.S. President who is Carter's political liaison officer to the Jewish community.

"Someday soon," he adds, "people will realize that Jimmy Carter is one of them."

Siegel, completing his first trip to Israel, conceded on Friday in Jerusalem that Carter has "to some extent, had problems with support from American Jews. Many are disappointed with him since he took office."

But, adds the presidential assistant, Carter's heart is "in the right place and he fervently believes in a strong Israel.... The disappointment comes from Carter's desire to find a comprehensive Middle East settlement, to deal with troublesome issues that no one wants to talk about."

The 31-year-old Siegel, who was born to Orthodox Jewish parents in Brooklyn, New York, is viewed as "the address" for complaints about Administration policy on Israel. The days immediately following the U.S.-Soviet communiqué on the Middle East were "the worst, the hardest" in his life, he said. Angry Jewish leaders called him, accusing him of disloyalty to his people for working with a President whose policy, they said, was deleterious to Israel.

Last month's communiqué did not "introduce the Russians into the Middle East," Siegel maintained, "because the Russians were already in and serve as co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference." Issuing the joint statement was not a mistake of policy, according to Siegel, but did harm Carter politically.

Carter has no intention of supporting the PLO, says his assistant. "If the PLO accepted UN Resolution 242



U.S. presidential assistant Mark Siegel in Jerusalem. (Yisraeli)

and recognized the existence of the State of Israel, then the government would talk to them, but that's all." A solution to the "Palestinian problem" according to Carter's philosophy could be settled only in conjunction with Jordan, and not through a separate political and military entity.

Siegel also discounts off-beat theories that Carter is trying to divide the U.S. Jewish leadership, in order to conquer them. If the White House has invited prominent Jews who are not members of the "President's Conference" to chat with Carter or Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, he said, it is only because the Administration wants to get to know grass-roots Jewry as well.

The assistant says he hopes that some of the distrust of Carter in the American Jewish community will disappear as a result of the visit of Egyptian President Sadat to Jerusalem. He believes that "without his (Carter's) efforts over the last 11 months, there would not have been a climate to make the visit possible."

The U.S. President, according to Siegel, does not feel "left out" of the momentum towards peace that was reportedly the result of the Sadat visit. "Carter wants the problem to be settled at Geneva, and he thinks

the Jerusalem visit might have increased the chances of reconvening the conference soon."

There was no cooling of relations between Prime Minister Begin and Carter after Begin returned home from his triumphant and warm reception in the White House and approved the establishment of more settlements in the administered territories. "They value their relationship and became very close," Siegel maintains.

Siegel's rise to power and responsibility was nearly as meteoric as that of Jimmy Carter's. The boy from East Flatbush got his B.A. at Brooklyn College, his M.A. and Ph.D. at Northwestern University near Chicago, and worked in short-lived presidential campaigns of Hubert Humphrey after joining the senator's staff in 1971 as a congressional fellowship winner. The then-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Robert Strauss, asked Siegel to be in charge of party reform, and in 1974, he was named executive director of the committee.

In the late months of 1975 and early part of 1976, he toured America with Carter. Siegel helped Carter get elected by putting pro-Carter electors on state ballots and keeping his opponents off as many ballots as possible. Siegel also helped plan campaign strategy.

In his current job, Siegel maintains contacts with the Jewish community, prepares the President's weekly Jewish news summary (which includes cuttings from American-Jewish papers and The Jerusalem Post) and is regarded, along with domestic policy chief Stuart Eizenstat, as one of the chief supporters of Jewish among White House aides. He sees Carter about two or three times a week.

Siegel was accompanied by his wife Judy on his just-completed 10-day swing through Israel. Officially, he came with a delegation of U.S. congressmen led by House Majority Leader Jim Wright. He spent two days in Cairo when Sadat was planning his historic visit, and stayed at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem during the hectic two days after Sadat's arrival.

## Police catch three alleged 'big fish' of drug underworld

THE AVIV (Him). — A magistrate here on Friday ordered the remand of three men whom police called "big fish" of the drug underworld, after two of them were allegedly caught selling 13.65 grams of heroin.

Police said they had watched Amos Mesika and Meir Sharabi from a stake-out and seen them receive IL28,000 in marked bills when they sold the heroin to a "certain individual." Shortly after the sale, the third suspect, Ya'acov Baranes joined Mesika and Sharabi, police said. Mesika and Sharabi were ordered held for 15 days each, and Baranes for seven.

A fourth suspect, David Wahaba, was arrested after police found him in possession of a suspiciously large amount of cash near the Kfar Shalem "drugs station" where Mesika and Sharabi were allegedly selling the heroin. He was remanded for four days, after police said they were not certain he was connected with the alleged drug deal.

Police said they had other evidence against Sharabi and Baranes before they made the arrest, but had wanted to catch them red-handed in a bigger deal. This evidence included a statement from a man who had allegedly bought 1.1 grams of heroin from Sharabi, a statement from another man who allegedly bought nearly 100 grams of hashish from Baranes, and 14 grams of opium which detectives allegedly found buried in Sharabi's garden.

The fourth suspect, Wahaba, had been found only a few months ago near a place where Baranes and Mesika were arrested for alleged illicit possession of firearms, police added.

## Protest planned for dead villager

Jerusalem Post Staff

ACRE. — A day of protest, similar to the "Land Day" of March 1976 will be observed by the Arab population on December 17 to mark the 40th day of the death of Ahmed Mawad el-Kurum. He was killed during a clash with the police who were sent to protect a crew demolishing an illegally built house there.

The decision to call a protest was taken here yesterday at a meeting of Israeli-Arab local-council heads, the Arab Public Committee, and representatives of the Druse Action Committee.

On December 17, all Arab local councils will be closed from 9 to 11 a.m. and a minute's silence will be observed at noon.

The meeting also decided to demand the appointment of a "neutral" inquiry commission to investigate the circumstances of Mawad's death, in place of the police commission that is already investigating the case. They also called on the government to stop demolition of illegally built houses, because they said, the houses were the result of overcrowding in the area.

Various Arab speakers attacked the government's policies towards Israel's Arabs, charging it with trying to intimidate them and put them into a ghetto.

A number of Jewish speakers also castigated the government. Dr. Gavriel Cohen of Tel Aviv University, claimed that the government refused to license the building of a single house by Arabs in Israel and was building whole cities on lands that did not belong to it.

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## Rhodesian black accepts Smith offer

SALISBURY. — Bishop Abel Muzorewa, a black nationalist leader with massive popular support, yesterday accepted Prime Minister Ian Smith's invitation to negotiate a one-man, one-vote majority rule settlement — even if it leaves the Anglo-American initiative on Rhodesia by the wayside.

The acceptance by Muzorewa, president of the United African National Council (UANC), means all three black leaders Smith invited have agreed to a constitutional conference aimed at bringing majority rule to this land of 288,000 whites and 6.4 million blacks.

The other two are the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and tribal chief Jeremiah Chirau.

The Smith proposal has already been rejected by the remaining group, the Patriotic Front of Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, which has been conducting a guerrilla war from neighboring countries for the past five years. U.S. ambassador to the UN Andrew Young said on Friday that he feared an "escalation of violence" by the Front if they were excluded from the Smith plan for majority rule.

"In a way, Mr. Smith has capitulated and succumbed to our demand for a transfer of power on the basis of universal adult suffrage," Muzorewa told some 300 supporters meeting yesterday at a soccer stadium in a black township of Salisbury.

"We say fine, Mr. Smith. Let us talk."

Muzorewa expressed the belief that Smith is sincere when he says he will agree to adult suffrage, providing safeguards for minorities are incorporated into a settlement.

"We are going to test him out," the bishop said. "We have told him very strongly and clearly we are not interested in talks about talks."

Muzorewa said Smith has told him he wants a settlement designed to retain the confidence of whites so that they don't flee. "We take that request very seriously," he said. The bishop said he expects Smith will request a special parliamentary blocking mechanism for whites. He said he is willing to discuss it but would not discuss what stand he will take.

Sithole, another black nationalist invited to the talks, has in the past rejected the prospect of a blocking mechanism for whites.

Sithole, who is touring the U.S. but will return to Rhodesia for Smith's talks, said on Friday that the talks will not mean an immediate end to the fighting.

"The guerrillas won't take Smith at his word," he told reporters in Los Angeles. "They will go on fighting until one-man, one-vote has been implemented. Once this is done we are quite confident the war will end."

Muzorewa meanwhile called on Britain to organize the promised conference, but "if the British either delay, then we shall know we can go ahead without them," he declared.

He also said he wants all black parties, including his rivals in the

militant Patriotic Front, to take part. "But we are not going to wait for anybody who may not be interested."

Smith, when he made his call on Thursday for a constitutional conference with Rhodesia-based black parties, said it did not mean he had totally discarded the Anglo-American initiative aimed at a settlement that would include the Patriotic Front.

But he said the British and American governments, whose proposals regarding the post-majority rule armed forces have been turned down by Rhodesia, would have to alter their thinking if they still planned to be involved.

Muzorewa said he reserves the right to pull out of the talks, which he said would start "as soon as possible," if it emerges that Smith is unwilling to agree to all citizens 18 and older having the vote.

He also voiced the intention to demand that the government allow guerrillas "safe return" and the right to join the free army of "the political hierarchy" if they wish.

President Carter is meanwhile "studying with interest" Smith's proposal to move toward majority rule, the White House press secretary said on Thursday.

"We have no immediate reaction, but we will be studying it with interest," Jody Powell said of Smith's statement. Powell commented to reporters at Camp David, where Carter was spending the Thanksgiving holiday. (UPI, Reuter)

## Transport workers may boycott lands that aid hijackers

VIENNA (AP). — International transport workers say they plan direct action to fight terrorism, possibly including boycotts of countries which aid terrorists.

Officials of the International Transport Federation (ITF) and the Public Transport Workers (OETV) met the press on Friday after discussing anti-terrorist measures in a preliminary conference.

"We have had enough resolutions, now we need some action," said Bill Gill, chairman of ITF's aviation department. His department will deal with the proposals at a meeting early in December.

ITF president Fritz Precht said the federation not only had to consider the well-being of the employees, but also the safety of passengers on ships, trains and aircraft.

Precht said ITF planned its fight on different levels. If direct contacts with governments failed, boycotts will be directed against airports and states.

All airports should have the same security standards and security measures should be observed constantly, the official said.

In another measure against hijackers, the Japanese Diet (parliament) on Friday approved a bill for stiffer penalties against hijackers and others who endanger aircraft. The law will go into effect on January 19.

Highlights of the new law are: Person or persons who take passengers or plane crews as hostages will be imprisoned for no less than 10 years, with possibility of a life sentence. Those who endanger aircraft by bringing aboard firearms, swords or explosives will be subject to imprisonment of two years or more.

## Healer jailed for lethal treatment

HANOVER (Reuter). — A nature healer and his assistant were convicted on Friday of negligent manslaughter in the deaths of five patients who died of the "bends" in a pressure chamber.

The five died of the disease, normally confined to divers, after being treated in a pressure chamber in February, 1976.

Martin Hinderthuer, the nature healer and his medical supervisor, Dr. Rudolf Lammert, were found guilty of causing the deaths of five patients and causing bodily harm to six others.

Hinderthuer was sentenced to three years in prison and Dr. Lammert to two years and three months.

The prosecution said the 11 people treated by Hinderthuer were inside the chamber when the pressure was reduced too quickly. The effect was the same as that experienced by divers who surface too quickly from the depths — nitrogen bubbles formed in their blood and obstructed their blood vessels.

## U.S., Soviets to talk on cutting arms sales

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. and the Soviet Union will open talks here in mid-December on ways to reduce the two countries' multi-billion dollar sales of conventional arms to Third World nations.

The State Department said on Friday that the talks are an outgrowth of proposals made by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during a visit to Moscow last March.

The U.S. has agreed to the sale of about \$1.5 billion worth of arms to other countries this year, according to government estimates; the Soviet Union is believed to have signed agreements totalling half that amount.

## Boy, 6, dies of malnutrition aimed at 'saving him from demons'

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AP). — A six-year-old boy was found dead Friday and five other children were hospitalized, all suffering from malnutrition, authorities said.

Police said two of the children were too weak to walk and were being treated in the intensive-care unit of a local hospital.

The dead child was identified as Donald Bush. Hospitalized in critical condition were William Bush, 5, and Kathy Bush, 7, children of Trula Bush, 35. Billy Williams, 8, Michael Collier, 7, and Sabrina Collier, 5, all grandchildren of Willa Mayes, were listed in good condition in the hospital's pediatric ward.

Authorities said Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Mayes, both members of the True Spirit of St. Jude religious order, were charged with three counts each of child neglect and held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

A homicide investigator said all six children were found in the basement of a Northside home, where they lived with the two women. A hospital spokesman said the children had been fed nothing but salt and water. "To protect them from demons," according to the two women. But the police investigator said Mrs. Mayes had told him they had been given a small portion of tuna salad on Thursday.

## 10,000 political prisoners in Bulgaria, human rights 'public trial' told in Rome

ROME. — An international hearing on human rights was told here yesterday that there are an estimated 10,000 political prisoners in Bulgaria and that Czechoslovakians live with "an everyday presence of fear."

The statements were made in evidence to jurists presiding over the Second International Sakharov Hearings, a Copenhagen-based committee set up in the name of Soviet Nobel prize-winner Andrei Sakharov to examine alleged human rights violations in Eastern Europe. The hearings are being held in the form of a public trial.

Former Bulgarian air force officer Lyudmil Mihov, who escaped to Austria in 1976 after being jailed for "holding incorrect notions about Western ideology," said he believed there were 10,000 political prisoners in his country.

Some of them had been held for up to 30 years, and solitary confinement for periods of six years was common, he said.

Czechoslovak playwright and author Ivan Hrabar, a signatory to the "Charter 77" human rights manifesto, said: "It is extremely difficult to convey the milieu of fear which penetrates locked doors into the private homes of people, into their very brains."

"There is an everyday presence of fear," said the playwright, who was jailed for 12 months after writing a play called "A Guest and a Fish" which was alleged to have defamed

the Soviet Union. He emigrated to Australia earlier this year.

The four-day hearing began on Friday with a dramatic film message from Andrei Sakharov — smuggled out of Moscow — in which he said repression in Eastern Europe had altered people's mentality.

"I invite the hearings to investigate all news about violations of human rights and international norms for prisons — the inadmissible condition of forced labour, the reduced food rations, the limited contacts with family, restrictions on correspondence, the arbitrary and cruel punishments, torture through cold and hunger, the absence of every fundamental right on the part of the inmates," Sakharov said.

Sakharov's wife was in Italy for an eye operation last month. But she was forced to return to the Soviet Union several days before the start of the four-day hearings because the Soviets refused to extend her visa.

However, her daughter and son-in-law and their two small children were in the conference hall as the film was shown. Edited Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, also sent the hearings a message in which he expressed the wish that "the hair-raising tales and messages of your tribunal succeed in breaking through the deafness of the well-off world, that well-off world which always feels safe until the trumpet of its own death sounds."

"I hope that your witnesses pierce the myopic consciences of those who

are lulled by the siren song of Eurocommunism," Solzhenitsyn added.

In Moscow, Sakharov said on day that he has addressed telegram to Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito congratulating for declaring an amnesty for the ousted political prisoners, at whom Yugoslavia's best-known imprisoned dissident, Mihajlo Jovic.

On Wednesday, Yugoslavia announced an amnesty marking November national holiday, covering 723 persons — 218 of political prisoners. By contrast, Soviet amnesty declared recent connection with the 60th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution specifically excluded political prisoners.

In Belgrade, the newly 71 Mihajlov told Western respondents in a meeting at lawyer's house that he is ready back to jail rather than stop crying Tito's Communist regime.

"I do not intend to be quiet," 49-year-old philosopher and writer still dressed in a bulky green p work suit, told the newsmen. "I will be cautious as where and how I say things," he declared. "But as far as a public statements goes, I am ready to go back to jail."

Mihajlov was sentenced to 15 years in prison in February 1971, publishing articles in the West which criticized Yugoslavia's single-party system. (Reuter, AP, UPI)

## Soviet woman interpreter seeks asylum in Canada

MONTREAL (AP). — A Russian woman who worked in Montreal as an interpreter for a UN-affiliated agency has chosen to defect rather than return to the Soviet Union, an immigration official said on Friday.

He said Natalia Morosova, about 25, reported to an immigration office in Toronto early last week and asked for political asylum "on humanitarian grounds. We expect to interview her in mid-January."

She worked for the International Civil Aviation Organization, he said, and her three-year contract with the agency was to have expired next week. A fellow worker at the ICAO said Miss Morosova was "an extremely attractive woman. She was interested in culture, music, clothes and, oh yes, milk coats."

## Alexandrian gem

MOSCOW (AP). — Archaeologists in Soviet Uzbekistan have found a 2,300-year-old gem that they believe had been worn by one of Alexander the Great's soldiers, Tass reported on Friday.

The Soviet news agency said the orange cameo gem, which had been part of a ring, was discovered in Afrasiab, near the ancient city of Samarkand.

Carved into the small stone was the profile of a helmeted man, apparently Alexander the Great, the story said.

The Macedonian conqueror's troops had fought in the Central Asian region in 329-327 BCE.

## French air crash kills 34

BEZIERS, France (AP). — A French military plane carrying 30 French navy seamen and four crewmen plunged into a wooded hillside early Friday apparently killing all aboard. The sailors were returning to their base after taking part in a military-sponsored radio programme at Mont de Marsan on the Atlantic coast. They were bound for Béziers, near Marseille, on the Nord Atlas plane, which was built as a troop and cargo carrier.

## Soviets: Shcharansky in 'good health'

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet officials said on Friday that imprisoned dissident Anatoly Shcharansky is in good health, but confirmed that he has been charged with treason, disloyalty and espionage.

Three of Shcharansky's closest friends, during interrogations about him on Friday at Lefortovo prison, said officials refused to give details about the charge.

Shcharansky has been held incommunicado since March 15. On June 1 his mother was told he was under investigation for treason. Earlier, he was accused in the government newspaper "Izvestia" of participating in a spy ring with U.S. diplomats and correspondents.

However, the charge could be reduced before he is brought to trial.

After interrogating more than 80 persons in 16 cities about Shcharansky, police on Friday called on Friday about Shcharansky that he was not among the group close friends.

## Schleyer: killers hiding in Lebanese refugee camp, rightist leader says

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Lebanese Christian right-wing leader Bashir Jemayyel said here on Friday that there are indications the murderers of West German industrialist Hans Martin Schleyer are hiding in a Palestinian refugee camp at Sabra, near Beirut.

He said the West German government had been alerted, but that the Lebanese government was unable to act.

Jemayyel, who is on a 25-day U.S. tour to explain the Lebanese Christians' position, led Christian militia forces in the Lebanese civil war. He is the son of Phalangist Party leader Pierre Jemayyel.

He did not elaborate upon statement about Schleyer, but saying that the refugee problem in Lebanon might have to be solved by distributing the Palestinians among all the Arab states. Jemayyel said the current situation prevented government from acting against terrorists living in the Palestinian-controlled areas.

Schleyer, 62, was found shot in the boot of a car in the east French town of Mulhouse on Oct. 19, six weeks after he had been kidnapped in Cologne by terrorist Germany's "Red Army Faction" (the Baader-Meinhof gang).

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The hardline Rejection Front condemns Sadat as a traitor who has chosen to side with Israel rather than with the Arab cause. This group — Libya, Iraq, the Marxist Palestinian groups — is trying to form an alliance against Sadat which would radicalise Arab politics. Their outlook is extremist, leftist, opposed to any negotiation with Israel.

However, this group already hated Sadat even before he so dramatically acknowledged Israel, and it is unlikely to have an easy success now.

Of greater concern to Sadat is the criticism of Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat were Sadat's allies in the confrontation

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with Israel and in Arab efforts to convene a Geneva peace conference. This Syrian-Palestinian axis is criticising Sadat bitterly, but on pragmatic tactical grounds. They say that Sadat wasted the Arab trump card — recognition of Israel — in exchange for nothing from the Begin Government.

The Syrian analysis so far is that Sadat allowed Israel to ignore the problems of a Palestinian state and Jerusalem while setting a precedent for Arab tolerance of Israel which will undermine the growing anti-Israeli trend throughout the international community.

In effect, Syria and the PLO argue that Sadat, far from bringing nearer the day of peace, has reduced the chances of obtaining a Middle East settlement through Arab pressure on Washington to force Israeli concessions. "The barriers of distrust and hostility built up in 25 years cannot be smashed by television stunts," a Syrian commentator wrote.

The attitude of Syria and the Palestinians is of great concern to Saudi Arabi and the other conservative Arab oil States. While they like Sadat for his anti-Communism, the Saudi leaders have avoided any public commitment to him.

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## Young: Peace prospects advanced

Following is the text of U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young's address delivered in the UN General Assembly on Thursday:

"We are meeting to discuss the situation in the Middle East at a crucial and perhaps pivotal time in the history of that region. A remarkable event in the political life of the Middle East has just occurred. We are all acutely aware that the politics of the area will never be the same as they were before Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visited Israel.

"President Sadat came in peace, was welcomed in peace by Prime Minister Begin and the Israeli people. By that simple yet dramatic act, the prospects for a just and durable peace have been significantly advanced if all concerned have the vision and the will to recognize and build upon the psychological transformation it has made possible. My government urges all of the parties to maintain the new momentum towards peace.

"We in the United States have long been convinced that the peoples of the Middle East would like to put the past behind them and to live peacefully together in the context of a just and agreed solution to their political differences. President Sadat's journey for peace and the wholehearted — yes, even emotional — responses of the Israeli and Egyptian peoples have emphatically confirmed that judgment.

"It is important, however, to recognize that this was not just an isolated act of political vision, without a solid base in the recent past or significance for a future that is both desirable and attainable. President Sadat's visit was unexpected and unprecedented, but it was a logical extension of the solemn undertaking of the Arab states and Israel in the wake of the 1973 war that they would engage — im-

mediately, we should recall — in negotiations aimed at implementation of Security Council Resolution 242. With their acceptance of Security Council Resolution 338, the Arab states and Israel agreed that they would seek to resolve their differences through discussion, compromise and mutual accommodation.

"The decision in 1973 to engage in negotiations between the parties marked a major turning point in the Arab-Israeli dispute. The first Geneva conference convened under the compulsion of effecting a military disengagement in a situation which threatened an imminent resumption of hostilities. While two subsequent disengagement agreements were effected, serious negotiation of the overall peace envisaged in Resolution 242 has yet to begin in earnest.

"Since this assembly discussed this issue one year ago, the Middle East has been an arena of intense diplomatic activity aimed at a single and simple goal — the resumption of direct negotiations between the parties in order to achieve a comprehensive peace. While the setting of the goal — a Geneva conference by the end of the year — was easy, achievement of that goal has proved elusive. All of the parties are agreed that the key substantive questions to be addressed were the nature of peace, Israeli withdrawal, agreement on final borders, and arrangements to make those borders secure; and the Palestinian question, for which representatives of the Palestinian people as well as of the governments concerned must be included in the negotiating process.

"Procedural problems remain to be resolved, but let us remember that procedural arrangements do not in themselves determine the outcome of negotiations — only the negotiations themselves produce agreements. I repeat that the

momentum of the past week must not be allowed to slip away. Let us capture the mood of change. Let us build on hope and good will. If we do so, fundamental, serious and unconditional negotiations could begin in the very near future.

"What do the events of the past week mean for us here in New York? President Sadat has reminded us that many of the obstacles to peace in the Middle East are psychological. Both President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin have demonstrated the need to shed the bonds of the past if we are to avoid repeating the mistakes which have led to so much suffering and violence.

"We believe that this General Assembly can contribute to the process of peace as it deals with the remaining items relating to the Middle East to be brought up for discussion this year. But we should measure our performance by a new standard. If some of those who are so directly involved can discuss their differences in reasoned tones in an effort to make progress, ought not the rest of us declare a moratorium on the extreme rhetoric of the past which breeds hatred and violence? If we genuinely want to support the search for a just and durable peace in the Middle East, can we afford to repeat the practice of passing resolutions to score pyrrhic victories regardless of their ultimate effect — resolutions that seek to prejudice issues which can only be resolved through negotiations between the parties, all the parties concerned?

"We have seen a demonstration of rare vision which has caught the imagination of the world. Psychologically, peace seems closer to our grasp. If we demonstrate similar courage and readiness to break with the rituals and taboos of the past, we believe the United Nations can make the contribution the world expects of it."

## orn conflict draws Egypt, Sudan closer

CHRISTOPHER PARKER

(Gemin). — Egypt and the Sudan are forging a special relationship which could lead to the successful union between two states — unlike 10 other states which have failed to merge Arab states into federations in the last 20 years.

Four years ago the two signed an agreement on map out a programme of political and economic integration.

The pact was advanced a step forward last year when they signed a 7 part accord in Khartoum at the Sudan's 10th anniversary. Some of the key parts in the accord included the Sudan's aid in its year by allowing Egyptian troops to use bases in the Sudan as on targets inside Libya during a mini-border war between Egypt and Libya.

Further developments recently in the staging in Cairo of a joint session of the Egyptian and Sudanese Peoples' Assemblies (mums) to review the political and economic integration programme between the two countries — the emphasis is on working out a pact for the Nile — to forge a close new association.

The 610 Egyptian and Sudanese parliamentarians decided to speed up integration between the two peoples of the Nile Valley with a number of measures. They include coordinating the two countries' educational systems, such as providing Egyptian and Sudanese schoolchildren with the same syllabuses and textbooks.

Egyptians and Sudanese no longer need to secure visas to visit each other's countries.

The military alliance is being strengthened by Egyptian and Sudanese army, navy and air force chiefs co-ordinating their training and tactical operation programmes. Egyptian War Minister General Mohammed Ganssary warned that Egypt and the Sudan today need to prepare for threats from within Africa to their security, especially from the Horn of Africa. The two countries are anxious about any threat to the flow of water from the catchment areas of the Nile — the lifeblood of both the Sudan and Egypt.

The defence pact enables each country's air force or navy to use the other's airports, harbours and other facilities in the event of enemy attacks from outside. Military co-ordination is also being worked out in other areas — training, arming, and organising their forces. Each country's responsibility for defending its partner in the event of any war threat, invasion, or war existing against it, is defined in the defence pact.

Foreign military observers say Egypt and the Sudan could in future play a more active role in inter-African conflicts. They cite Egypt's precedent of sending air force per-

sonnel to Zaïre during the invasion launched from Angola by Katangese rebels last March.

Saudi Arabia and other Arab Gulf oil states are sympathetic to the Egyptian-Sudanese axis through their antagonism towards Russia and leanings towards the United States. Egyptian-Sudanese economic integration is heavily reliant on Gulf (particularly Kuwaiti) oil money. This is being called "triangular" development. It is suggested that Egypt should use surplus manpower to help the Sudan develop vast untapped land resources financed by Arab oil money. The idea is to make the Sudan the "breadbasket" of the

Arab world.

This includes an Egyptian-Sudanese project in the Sudan with Gulf oil finance for cutting the 176-mile Jonglei canal across a western bend of the Nile to drain 38,000 square miles of swamp.

There are Egyptian-Sudanese projects for joint exploitation of other virgin tracts in the Sudan, joint Lake Nasser fishing arrangements and joint sugar and animal raising industries in the Sudan.

Egypt and the Sudan are also to speed up plans to build new road, rail, sea and river transport links and lay down new telephone and telefax lines.

## Numeiri makes friends with former foes

By ROLAND DALLAS

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri, who last year crushed an attempt to overthrow him, has been discussing the future of his country with the man who has admitted masterminding the abortive coup.

He is opposition leader and former Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi who recently returned to the Sudan after several years in exile.

He says that if the talks succeed, there is a prospect of a political pact being signed next month that would end years of strife between government and opposition.

The Oxford-educated Sadiq al-Mahdi who was premier in 1966-67 is a great-grandson of the Mahdi, a religious and national leader who led a rebellion against British rule in Sudan last century.

of Sudanese political opinion," he added.

Mahdi declined to reveal details of the negotiations but there is speculation here that the country's sole political party, the Sudan Socialist Union (SSU), might be given a new structure.

Asked if agreement could be reached this year, Mahdi replied: "I see no reason why not."

The Sudan National Front, of which Mahdi is the president, groups the major centre and right-wing parties which dominated Sudanese politics until 1969.

If agreement is reached, in the current talks, it could clear the way for leading politicians formerly in opposition, like Mahdi and former Finance Minister Sharif Hussein al-Hindi, to take part in elections to the National Assembly next February.

Mahdi said that in his discussions with the government an agreement has been reached on some points but other points remain unresolved.

Aluding to President Numeiri's position as an Army General, he said he agreed "on the need for a role for the army in the politics of the country."

He also agreed on priority for economic development aimed at social justice. "The remaining points are differences of degree," Mahdi said. They included the extent to which there will be civil rights, and democratisation, and "the confirmation of a voluntary and free political system." But he added: "I believe the possibility of reaching final agreement on such points is there."

The ex-Premier said he disagreed with some government policies but would not criticise them publicly.

"We will review them privately, then outline the faults and mistakes, we will confirm what is positive and build on it."

On foreign policy, Mahdi favours good relations with Sudan's neighbours to the northwest and east, Libya and Ethiopia.

He welcomed the government's recent decision to reopen diplomatic relations with Libya which were broken after last year's coup and hoped for widespread cooperation with Sudan's old neighbours.

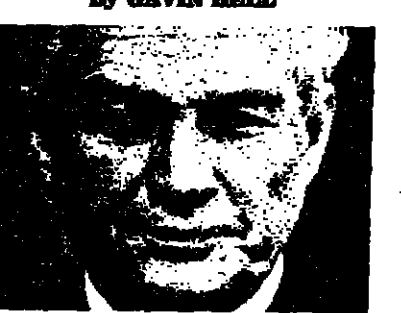
Mahdi said ties with Ethiopia's Marxist Dergue (government) were difficult to develop. He added that it was imperative to improve relations with Ethiopia but at the same time he did not advocate cutting off Sudanese help to separatist insurgents trying to turn the Ethiopian province of Eritrea into an independent nation.

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Israel is now regarded as an active political force inside Lebanon. This, according to informed opinion here is one of the most significant developments since the country emerged bitterly divided from a protracted civil war a year ago this month.

"For the first time in the history of the Middle East, Israel is now an active political force inside an Arab country," according to Majid Abu Sharrar of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Abu Sharrar, PLO information chief and a leader of the Fatah, the hegemonist group, told Reuters: "Arriving at any kind of solution in the south needs Israeli approval."

## No solution without Israeli O.K.

By GAVIN HELL



Chairman

about 22 km. from the border.

Abu Sharrar said he agreed this was a primary objective of the Israelis, but it would never be accepted by the Palestinians.

"We are anxious to implement the July accord because continued confrontation in Lebanon weakens the Palestinian resistance — but we will never bow to Zionist pressure," he said.

"A Military presence north of the Litani for us is meaningless and to retreat across the river would result in practical Israeli domination of the south."

A powerful dissenting voice is that of former President Camille Chamoun, leader of the Lebanese Front which groups the major conservative Maronite Christian parties.

"I do not believe Israel has any intention of consolidating its position in the south," he told Reuters. "It simply wants to get rid of the Palestinians who have been attacking Israeli settlements since 1968, and in this our interests coincide."

"There is no doubt that the continued presence of a armed Palestinian in Lebanon is the main

obstacle to restoring peace and stability to our country."

Chamoun added: "As long as they remain here with their armies there can be no progress towards national reconciliation."

Another important factor in the Lebanese equation is Syria, whose forces ended the civil war and now dominate the 30,000-strong Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) which supervises the truce in most of Lebanon.

Beirut newspapers have reported growing Syrian pressure on the Palestinians to carry out the July peace plan and Palestinian officials have privately expressed anxiety about what they see as a swing in Syrian opinion away from the PLO.

Abu Sharrar said national reconciliation required an end to the "Israeli-Christian alliance," and "balanced Syrian relations with the two parties in Lebanon."

He declined to elaborate, but Dr. Sabbagh claimed the Maronites had accepted Syrian intervention after assurances from Damascus that it would exercise control over the Palestinians.

If and when the conflict in the war-torn south is resolved, attention will focus on rebuilding a viable Lebanese state from the divided Palestinian and Maronite communities.

From a bewildering array of conflicting theories and speculation, the Christians' plan for a confederacy incorporating two main provinces has emerged as a likely solution.

Chamoun said he envisaged each province having its own government, army and control over its finances, but united in a single state through political and economic ties.

The Left has condemned this proposal as an attempt to create a Christian homeland along the lines of the founding of Israel.

Both sides agree, however, that the war destroyed the delicate mechanism in which government in Lebanon represented a fine balance between Christian and Moslem.

As Lebanon marks the first anniversary of the ending of its fratricidal war, no one can predict what the next year will bring.

## scow blasts Sadat for new course

DW (AP). — Egypt has emitted on a course designed to unite Arab solidarity following Sadat's visit to Tass said yesterday.

official news agency report mention Sadat's invitation in the day to the Soviet Union

and other nations to meet in Cairo this week to prepare for Mideast peace talks.

There has still been no official Soviet response to Sadat's proposal, and Moscow television did not mention the Middle East in its early evening newscast.

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## Sadat's momentum

THE MOST IMPORTANT element in President Sadat's speech to the Egyptian National Assembly yesterday is that of timing: invitations marking the beginning of the negotiation process agreed upon in Jerusalem last week have been issued for this coming Saturday; and the time frame for the achievement of an agreement, in Mr. Sadat's view, has been formulated in terms of months.

Sadat's speech was preceded by his extension of invitations to local Palestinian leaders to come to Cairo as a preliminary to finding a solution to the question of Palestinian representation in the talks. The Egyptian President has thus moved to transform the explosive Palestine issue from the procedural question of representation — an issue which threatened to torpedo the convening of the Geneva talks — to the substantive question, which is admittedly more difficult but hopefully amenable to postponement to a later stage in the talks.

In the past, Israel has periodically contemplated the need to develop a local Palestinian leadership from the territories as an alternative to the intransigent PLO with whom no Israeli government would have any truck. These attempts produced no results, partly because they were half-hearted at best, but largely because local Palestinian leaders were intimidated by PLO threats and feared being stigmatized as traitors to the Arab cause.

Now Mr. Sadat has embarked on a similar course which one may hope will prove more successful, largely because he, as a pragmatic Arab head of state may be expected to differentiate between the possibility of an Arab-Israeli accommodation on a solution of the Palestinian problem as opposed to the impossibility of agreement on a solution of the PLO problem.

For Israel, the timetable inherent in President Sadat's speech, which echoes Foreign Minister Dayan's remarks earlier last week, will require that the entire political community — indeed the entire nation — buckle down to a realistic reassessment of attitudes to the problem of the territories. The debate on the fate of the territories, which has wracked Israel for the past ten years has, for all its vehemence, been largely hypothetical, because there was a national consensus spanning most hawks and doves to the effect that "there is no one to talk to on the other side."

Now that President Sadat has succeeded in persuading many adherents of this consensus that there is indeed someone to talk to, the issue can no longer be avoided, nor can it be considered any longer in hypothetical and ideological terms.

A number of political figures have already begun to address themselves publicly to this issue, some of them reiterating their well-known traditional stands, others professing a need for an open-minded reassessment in the light of the new reality.

Prime Minister Begin has stood out glaringly so far in his silence. One can empathize with the soul-searching in which Mr. Begin must be engaged in attempting to reconcile his well-known ideological views, his ultimate responsibility for the fate of Israel at this stage, and his hopes for leading the nation — and with President Sadat, the region — into an era of peace.

The temptation to slip back into old ways of thinking and talking is ever present. One such slip was evinced at last week's joint press conference when Mr. Sadat felt constrained to resort to the "our land is sacred" jargon, to which Mr. Begin replied in kind. Continuing to succumb to such temptations would be tragic.

One would fervently hope that Mr. Begin will now seek to assert his position as a national — rather than a party — leader in forging a new, broadly based national consensus in reading and reacting to the new political reality, with its still very present dangers but with its new hopes for a better future.

# Signs bode well for full-fledged talks

The Egyptian President in his speech yesterday reiterated the Arabs' basic demands, which are irreconcilable with Israel's stated position, writes Yosef Goell. But in the new atmosphere created by Sadat's daring initiative, these may be seen as starting points in the first stage of the Arab-Israeli talks, which will not necessarily be held in Geneva.

THE SADAT Spectacular of last week raised such millennial hopes of peace around the corner that it has proved to be a hard act to follow or to emulate. Thus the Egyptian President's speech yesterday, which was awaited with bated breath, proved to be a business-like first operative step for the implementation of the Sadat-Begin promise of a continuation of the talks begun in Jerusalem between the two leaders.

If there has been any surprise, it is in the forced pace for which Sadat is calling. Foreign Minister Dayan's talk on TV of the need for Israel's political community to apply itself in earnest to a reassessment of traditional positions would seem to indicate, however, that the pace that Mr. Sadat is setting has been agreed upon with Begin and Dayan.

In the five days between President Sadat's return to Egypt and his speech some of the unknowns which underlay the risk he took in striking out on his initiative have begun to be replaced with signs which bode well for prospects of its fruition into full-fledged talks on a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Perhaps most important for Sadat has been the impressive internal support in Egypt for his policy and appreciation for his bold leadership. One must always keep in mind that Egypt continues to be an authoritarian political system, with its regime ultimately based on the sufferance of the military. Sadat has apparently succeeded in ensuring the support of the army command. Equally impressive has been the joyful popular support which was so impressively evinced on his triumphant return to Cairo last Monday night. True, popular demonstrations of support, or of anger, can be switched on and off with the flick of the official switch in such regimes. But not so the magnitude and the spirit which seems to have animated popular Egyptian reactions.

Of equal importance is the nature of the emerging lines of division in

the Arab world on the issue of Sadat's breaking the three-decade-old taboo on dealing directly with Israel. At the beginning only Sudan went on record wholeheartedly supporting Sadat. During the week Jordan seemed to be inching closer to the Sadat approach and away from the close connection which it had so assiduously developed with Syria over the previous two years.

Saudi Arabia, the paymaster of the Arab world, whose position was still reluctant at the beginning of the week seems to have decided to give Sadat a chance.

Opposition has centred mainly around Libya, Algeria and Iraq. Syria, the third confrontation state, has registered its vociferous disapproval, too. But a closer reading of the manner of Syria's objections, and the identity of those who have given it voice — President Assad has stood out by his near-silence — would seem to indicate that even Syria is still leaving its options open.

Be that as it may, by the week's end it would seem that Sadat's gamble was beginning to pay off with Israel's wholehearted cooperation having been assured.

The term "Geneva" has figured so centrally in the talks in Jerusalem and in Sadat's speech yesterday that it needs elucidation. It is important to stress that in its new use by Egypt and by Israel, Geneva refers to a concept of negotiations rather than to a geographic location or a given component of participants. The Geneva Sadat and Begin have been speaking of is based on the concept of direct talks between the major protagonists in the dispute; if any major achievements are made they will be made not in the geographic Geneva, perhaps in the absence of the Syrians, and certainly in the absence of the PLO. The Soviets, hopefully, are to be frozen out of the operative stages of the negotiations.

The developments of the past week would seem to have reaffirmed the view that Sadat has all along been

the primary actor, in addition to Israel, to insist on direct talks. His groundbreaking initiative in coming to Jerusalem can now be seen as being largely a result of his opposition to the possibility of Soviet meddling in the operative part of talks with Israel and to his exasperation with the latest tack in American policy which was insistent on inviting such Soviet meddling and was giving every indication of becoming mired in the procedural question of PLO representation. It was becoming clear to Sadat that this American emphasis would in all likelihood lead to the non-convening of Geneva or to its breakdown in the first session.

Exasperation does not necessarily mean a desire to keep the Americans out: Egypt — and Israel — have become too dependent on the U.S. to permit that, for all the brave talk of restoring the task of finding a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute back to the hands of the protagonists themselves.

Sadat, in his speech yesterday, reiterated the basic Arab demands which, in the atmosphere prevailing until last week's visit, would have made the Egyptian and Israeli positions totally irreconcilable. In the new atmosphere which has been created by Sadat's initiative, these and the counter-positions enunciated just as clearly by Begin, may be seen as starting points which are only nature in the first stage of talks aimed at ending one of the most impacted national disputes of the post-World War II world.

Looking ahead one may easily prophesy the development of deadlocks between the parties to the talks which could evoke the spectre of their total breakdown. It is at such a point that the good offices of the U.S. will in all likelihood be called upon. In preparation for such a development it is all the more incumbent on Israel that in the process of reassessing her policy in regard to the fate of the West Bank the need for American support for Israel's position be kept very much in mind.

## MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU

THANK YOU, Mr. President for letting us have such a lovely party, such a grand spectacle of truly historical dimensions.

Thank you for having allowed us to see how a really great professional actor on the stage of international statesmanship works. As the Israel TV commentator said shortly before your departure: we got used to you — your elegance, your unfailing courtesy, your steady control of the situation, the way you never put a foot wrong, your supreme professionalism in handling the stickiest questions. You spoke in style, even when you offered ideas that were unacceptable to us. Two pictures stick in the mind: your review of our young soldiers when you arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport; and the sight of you standing in an open limousine when you got back to Cairo, acknowledging the cries of the adoring masses, like a Pharaoh or Caliph of old in his chariot.

Above all, thank you for having enabled Israel to excel itself, and emerge from its decades of grey egalitarianism. Luckily, you have in your Prime Minister a man who shares your appreciation of the place of splendid ceremonies in public life.

We would also like to thank you for allowing us to demonstrate once again how well we can cope with an emergency — it's only coping with day-to-day living that seems so impossible. Now the police can revert to its usual somnolence and public transport to its standard chaos.

We are grateful for the chance we had to show everyone that we do indeed belong to an advanced world of

Mark Segal reflects on some of the contributions made by Mr. Sadat to Israeli life.

technology, and that our postal services are capable of tackling the most complex problems of modern communications. It will henceforth be more difficult for the authorities to claim they cannot install a basic thing like a telephone for so many thousands of waiting citizens.

We thank you for enabling our TV and radio networks to show they can really produce some superb material and not only the commonplace drivel that usually fills our screens and the air.

THANK YOU, Mr. President for having obliged us to stop looking so sloppy as a nation. Now there is a hope that the general smartening-up, from soldiers to Knesset members, may have a lasting effect. One assumes that your adviser on Israeli folkways explained that the MKs, who didadin to wear ties with their expensive Harrods shirts, are 'only sporting the status symbol of a landed gentry, known as kibbutzniks.

We must also thank you for having enabled our political leaders to close ranks and demonstrate to the outside world the basic unity of our people. Thankfully, they contradicted the

impression gained at the Histadrut convention that a chasm was opening up between our main political forces.

Thank you, for having given us a first-class lesson in the art of being a consummate politician. The union of old hands in Israeli politics will no doubt award you a prize for your remarkably acute grasp of the intricacies of our political game. The way you took care to grant public attention — so equally — to our four Cabinet stars — Yigael Yadin, Moshe Dayan, Ezer Weizman and Ariel Sharon, indicated how well you know who is really in the running in the succession stakes. While Premier Begin stressed that Israel did not wish either to divide or rule, you blithely proceeded to be so flattering to the Alignment, especially to Golda Meir and Shimon Peres, in such a way that Uzi Baram MK is already talking about changing the party line following your visit to Jerusalem.

Thank you, too, for having made it possible for Dr. Nahum Goldmann to meet you after all. He can now include you in his after-dinner references to "Great People I Have Known."

Finally, Mr. President, may one Israeli offer you congratulations on the way you served the Arab cause so superbly by your references to peacekeepers who have shown us what real public relations is all about. P.S. Congratulations are also due to Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem for his superb coup in persuading the President of Egypt to give money for the repair of Al-Aksa.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### The visit: as the public sees it

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — We all agree that the visit of President Anwar Sadat was, and is, a historic event.

This revolutionary move of President Sadat should thus produce a bold stance on the part of Premier Begin, not only in private, but also in public. The achievement of peace calls for a decisive and constructive contribution; the reference to Jewish sufferings in the past, messianism and religious fervour are not politics.

It is obvious that Israel cannot hold on to the territories for ever, cannot evade the eventual necessity to establish a Palestinian state, and at the same time express the desire for peace. This is contradictory in itself.

MIRYAM G. NAFTALI

Jerusalem

Sir — I feel gravely disappointed and disturbed after having listened to the speeches of both our leaders, following President Sadat's address to the Knesset.

Nobody expected or wanted immediate Israeli concessions. But some response to the grand gesture of the Egyptian President was called for.

ZE'EV HOLEMAN

Hod Hasharon

Sir — The one thing I've learned from Sadat's visit is how genuinely dedicated to peace the people of Israel are — as demonstrated by their beautiful and warm reception of the leader of their adversaries. I am certain that the people of Egypt are just as strongly desirous of peace. What a pity that all these peace-loving people are dependent on the polemic debates of political leaders.

ALAN GARFIELD

Jerusalem

Sir — It seems that President Sadat has learned from the Pope that, in dealing with the State of Israel, an ounce of honey can accomplish much more than violent or economic pressure methods. Countless hijackers and terrorists attempted to free Capucci from prison but failed; the Pope, with his first-time recognition of Israel and polite letter to President Katsir, achieved what others failed to do.

Although it is too early to know what President Sadat's mission will accomplish, it is fairly certain that he will achieve more this way than through the old method of pressuring Israel through economic boycotts and wars.

YAAQOV BEN SHAUL

Jerusalem

Sir — The visit to Israel by Sadat is an insult to Jews, Judaism and Israel.

Sadat was arrested by the British during World War II for being a Nazi sympathizer and interned for two years. Sadat wrote a letter to Hitler expressing his admiration for Hitler and Nazism. In addition, when Sadat was in the United States a few years ago, he made an anti-Semitic

remark to the press (concerning refusal of a Jewish shopkeeper to sell him a radio). Last but not least, Sadat attacked Israel on Yom Kippur four years ago which resulted in 3,000 casualties.

RABBI M. FRIEDR

Jerusalem

Sir — In connection with Sadat's visit, we should remember that Egypt violated the agreement signed — once even on the very day the agreement was made (the signing of the ceasefire seven years ago).

When Sadat was elected president we hoped Egypt would change behaviour and honour agreements and obligations. We had under this illusion for three years and this enabled Sadat to launch treacherous attack on Yom Kippur. The price of our belief in his integrity was 3000 dead on the Egyptian Syrian fronts and many thousands crippled and wounded.

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Now Sadat is prepared to launch another treaty if we retreat. We do not know what Sadat and As decided at their summit meeting month before the Yom Kippur war. What tasks they assigned to each other. We do not know what he promised Assad this month when he went to Damascus to explain how he would not retreat in exchange for his "enormous sacrifice" in visit to Jerusalem. Sadat may also have shown his partner of the Yom Kippur War, how they would be able to tack us again more efficiently, as a peace treaty, following the enormous strategic advantages.

Arabs would gain by our retreat from the vital defence spaces of Sinai.

DR. A. KIMMELMA

Jerusalem

Sir — The historic visit of President Sadat to Israel and appearance in the Knesset Jerusalem fired the imagination of the entire world. The expectation of Israel and elsewhere are great in this extraordinary event which is towards peace in this area.

It is apparent, however, that United States and the West will not support "concessions" on the part of Israel. The main stumbling block to peace remains the Palestinian problem and Syria.

In order to withstand the expected pressures to make compromises dangerous for Israel's security, country must remain strong and united. Professor Shlomo Avineri's call for a coalition to join the Government is therefore laudable and timely. In presenting a united front to world, will Israel be able to achieve secure and just peace.

REUBEN EFR

Jerusalem

WHO'S A REFUGEE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — While I agree with your reporter, Malka Rabinow, wrote in her article of November 17 Jewish refugees to press case, believe she did not assess sufficient a point which our information vice also does not explain suffice by to the world.

I refer to the fact that the P. always insists that their problem not one of refugees and they do not wish to be called thus. As a matter of fact, they are not really refugees; the Jews who were driven out of Arab countries and came here. The Palestinian Arabs left this country their own free will at the call of their Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Hussein; the good friend of Ad Hitler. At the time, the Jew authorities did everything they could to influence the local Arabs to main here.

DR. E. MARKOWITZ

Ramat Chaim

### AN AGONIZING DECISION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Your article of November 14 about me saddened me greatly.

First of all, I did not convert to Christianity. I remain a Jewess.

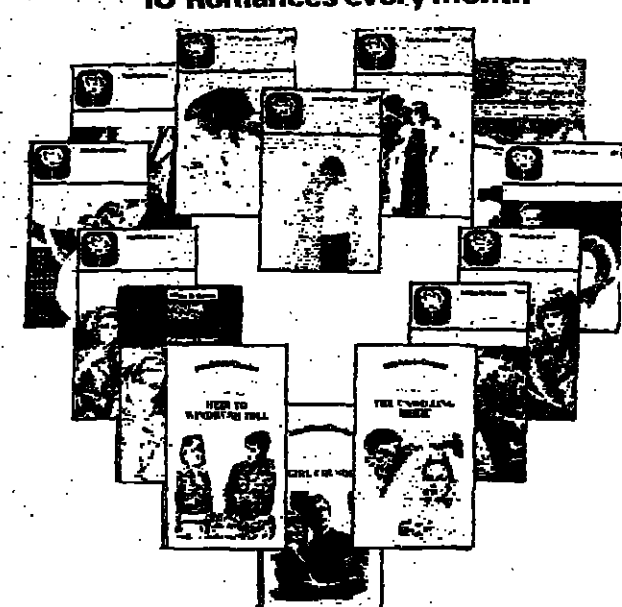
Secondly, my decision to send my children back to the U.S. was the saddest and most agonizing one of my life. I took it only out of my love for them, as they were unhappy. I put my own feelings aside as a mother and recognized that their father and step-mother could offer them a great deal more than I could at this time: a mother and a father who truly loved them and each other; a stable life situation; and, for my older son, the special educational help he needed. This decision has caused me to shed a great many tears.

BILLEN DORFLINGER

Haifa

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### POSTSCRIPTS

THE LETTER-HEAD describes the writer as "Privy Counsellor of H.I.H. the Crown Prince, Empire of Ethiopia," living in Benidorm in the Spanish province of Alicante. The signatory, Count Dennis Sugar, has a suggestion to submit regarding the Geneva Conference.

"While all the likely participants — Israelis, Arabs, Europeans and Americans — have their moral and spiritual roots in the Old and New Testaments," he writes, "nobody has advanced the idea of first solving the moral, spiritual and religious differences. This would be the basis for a solution of the political problems."

"I therefore suggest that the 'Geneva' Conference should take place in Jerusalem... Restoring the natural role of Jerusalem — the spiritual, moral and religious capital of the non-Asian world — the delegates... inspired by the atmosphere of the city, would interpret the mandates of their governments according to the spirit of Jerusalem. 'Miracles have always happened in Jerusalem. This will be yet another.'"

Of course, we do not know what advice the Privy Counsellor gave the Crown Prince of Ethiopia. But we appreciate his belief in the virtues of Jerusalem.

WE OFFER our readers the following story to sweeten the pill of higher bus fares.

In a letter entitled: "Thanks to Egged," the writer tells us that on the morning of October 31, she and her husband boarded the direct bus from Abuza in Haifa to Tel Aviv. Just outside Haifa, her husband suddenly felt unwell and they halted.

"All the passengers were concerned and were eager to help."

"The driver, without saying a word, turned the bus round and drove straight to the Rambam Hospital where my husband was given prompt treatment. Fortunately, it was not a heart attack."

"I'm sure that if the sudden illness had been more serious, the driver's prompt action would have saved a life. Again, many thanks to Egged."

L.G.

SOME PEOPLE collect stamps, others Old or Modern masters.

The latest and most unusual kind of collecting is apparently being carried out in Britain. The object of the new hunt? Rare fossils more than 400 million years old. The collectors? Mostly Germans, according to Olin.

Using pneumatic drills, German foraging parties recently ripped up hundreds of yards of rock at a fossil-rich area in Scotland. They then used power saws to cut off prize specimens, probably the fossil sea scorpions for which the site is famous.

The identity of the collectors was not hard to spot. They left behind them the report notes, empty beer and worst tins, German newspapers and a dated envelope. But they broke no British law, since geological specimens are not afforded the protection given to works of art or archaeological sites.

The "looters" in Scotland are believed to be collectors who trade in fossils, fine specimens of which fetch big money. Fossil horses have fetched as much as £170,000 each and fossil bats about £127,000.

Norway is complaining about the same problem and its Ministry of Environment has now accepted responsibility for guarding fossil sites.

LIFE is getting harder for the Soviet Jewish doctors who bypass Israel and look for "greener pastures" in the United States.

According to the latest statistics, of the 989 Soviet Jewish physicians who have sat for the required qualifying exam for practice in America since 1973, only 189 passed. The U.S. authorities have made the test tougher. While 60 per cent of those tested in 1973 passed, only 20 of them earned a passing grade this year.

J.S.

A MOROCCAN Jewish waiter named Bob, wearing the white-skirted uniform of the famous Evzone soldiers, will greet diners at the Jerusalem Hilton's Hamsah Grill this week during the hotel's Greek Festival.

The Hilton chain brought chefs from its hotels in Athens and Corfu to cook Greek national dishes — but with careful observance of kashruth. Barzud music, flags, baskets of fresh vegetables and girls clad in Greek costumes round out the atmosphere. The menu, which stresses vegetables, lemon juice and stuffed vine leaves, begins with 11 hors d'oeuvres and ends with light pastry covered with honey.

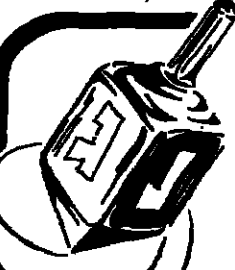
J.S.

WE SAW a wonderful new machine at work in Jerusalem the other morning.

"Looking rather like a bulldozer, it was emitting fine sprays of water from the front and washing down the pavement (not the road itself). Full marks to the Municipality, we thought, as we watched the driver manoeuvre his machine around trees and bus-stop poles."

But why at 9.30 in the morning, when Jaffa Road is full of people on their lawful errands? Why not at six in the morning, or at midnight? But we suppose that would involve overtime pay.

On the other hand, we felt apologetic as we stepped on the freshly "sponged" pavement and then took our wet footprints into the post office.



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